



**Response Under 37 CFR §1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Group Art Unit 3600**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of: Venegas, Jr.

Serial No.: 09/597,318

Group No.: 3635

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Examiner: W. Yip

For: STANCHION SLEEVE AND METHOD OF USING SAME

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 15, 2005, please amend the above-referenced

application as follows: